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SUBJECT: IMPRISONMENT OF COUSIN OF NIGERIAN DIPLOMAT IN NY
STATE (ADEKALU, ADE)

1. NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ZAMBIA, DR. L.A. FABUNMI, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR HIS COUSIN, DR. ADE ADEKALU, A NIGERIAN CITIZEN WHO WAS SENTENCED IN NY TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR THE POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA. THERE IS NO INDICATION HERE THAT DR. ADEKALU WAS NOT GIVEN THE FULL PROTECTION OF THE LAW, BUT BECAUSE HIGH COMMISSIONER FABUNMI IS A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE LUSAKA DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND HAS A STRONG FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS COUSIN, WE WANT TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE SUGGESTED TO DR. FABUNMI THAT THIS WAS BASICALLY A PROBLEM FOR THE NIGERIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK, BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NOT ANSWERED HIS INQUIRIES, WE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND THAT PROTOCOL MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO OFFER SUITABLE ADVICE. WE REALIZE THAT THERE IS LITTLE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO IN A CASE SUCH AS THIS; HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF A CALL COULD BE MADE TO THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE CASE AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF APPEALS PROCEDURES OPEN TO ADEKALU.

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3. DR. ADEKALU WAS SENTENCED ON APRIL 21, 1975 AT THE SUPREME

COURT OF NEW YORK, 111 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y., BEFORE
JUDGE JOHN J. REILLY. INDICTMENT 1909-73, N-950/73. HE IS
NOW INCARCERATED AT CLINTON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, BOX "B",
DANNEMORA, NEW YORK 12929. PRISON NUMBER 75-A-1503.

4. WE ARE POUCHING TO PROTOCOL COPIES OF DR. FABUNMI'S
WRITTEN STATEMENT REGARDING THE CASE, HIS TELEGRAM TO THE
NIGERIAN EMBASSY, AND A TRANSCRIPT OF THE SENTENCING
PROCEEDINGS.
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